(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Tax Relief under ARDRS**

5890. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the totals amount of tax relief given under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990; and

(b) the total funds allocated so far to Madhya Pradesh by the Union Government under this Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The Hon'ble Member is , presumably referring to debt relief given under the Agricultural & Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990. The Scheme provided debt relief to the extent of Rs. 10,000 per borrower to cover all overdues on short-term and term loans advanced by the public sector banks, regional rural banks and cooperatives. 50% of the liability of the State Governments for write off of cooperative loans is borne by the Central Government and the rest by the State Governments. Where State Government are not in a position to meet their share of 50% of the cost of the debt relief of the cooperatives, the State Cooperative Banks/Land Development Banks are extended loans by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). In terms of provisions of the ARDR Scheme, 1990, no tax relief was envisaged.

As on 14.3.1992, the following amounts have been sanctioned and released to the Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Bank (MPSCB) and Madhya Pradesh State Land Development Bank (MPSLDB) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in Madhya Pradesh:

*(Rs. in crores)*

| *Bank* | *Amount released by NABARD* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *Loan* | *Grant* | *Total* |
| MPSCB | 77.53 | 77.53 | 155.06 |
| MPSLDB | 16.65 | 16.65 | 33.30 |
| RRBs | | 25.71 | 25.71 |

**Income Tax Evasion by Officials**

5891. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government keep any watch on conspicuous consumption and acquisition of benami properties by income tax, customs and excise officials beyond their known sources of income; and

(b) if so, the number of cases of alleged corruption and income tax eviction retistred and prosecutions launched against such officials during 1990 and 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.